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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph, appearing in paragraph 0034 of the published application with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Illustratively, as shown in Figure 6, the thickness of spacers 10 and 12 are set to facilitate the following oxidation step, in which layer 2 is oxidized through oxide layer 3, so that only the central unoxidized portion functions as the back gate electrode. In this drawing, and in the remaining drawings of the instant application, reference numeral 13 denotes an oxidized portion of the back gate electrode.--